

**WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:**

1. A compact disc of circular and non-circular shape comprising:

a disc body having a central annular portion and a recording portion;

a recording and reflective layer provided on the recording portion of the disc body and covered by a protective coating;

a basic cover paint applied to said annular portion;

at least one defined area with a border and central portion situated in the annular or recording portion containing a hidden printing; and

a scratch-off paint coating covering said defined area.

2. A compact disc of claim 1, wherein the defined area printing is separated from the scratch-off paint by a translucent interlayer coating for protecting the hidden printing when applying and removing the scratch-off paint.

3. A compact disc of claim 2, wherein the interlayer coating overlaps the boarder portion of the defined area by at least 2 mm.

4. A compact disc of claim 3, wherein the thickness of the interlayer coating is in the range from 40 to 58 microns.

5. A compact disc of claim 1, wherein the scratch-off paint coating bears a guidance printing.

6. A compact disc of circular and non-circular shape comprising:

a disc body having a central annular portion and a recording portion;

a recording and reflective layer provided on the recording portion of the disc body and covered by a protective coating;

a basic cover paint applied to said annular portion;

at least one defined area with a border and central portion situated in the annular or recording portion and containing a hidden printing;

a translucent interlayer coating covering the defined area; and

a scratch-off paint coating applied to said interlayer coating.

7. A compact disc of claim 6, wherein the translucent interlayer coating is from 40 to 58 microns in thickness and overlaps the boarder portion of the defined area by at least 2 mm.